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Parks & Recreation Commission

	1	REGULAR MEETING
	2	MINUTES 12 2011
	3	Monday, December 12, 2011
	4	7:30 P.M.
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Eric Albert	6	WESTON TOWN HALL
Chairman Committees: Administrative,	7	DAUGHERTY COMMISSION ROOM
Programs	8	Official action of the commission in these minutes is indicated by
Robert Uzenoff Vice Chairman	9	underlining.
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Committee:	11	The Weston Parks and Recreation Commission (WPRC) held its regular
Administrative	12	monthly meeting on Monday, December 12, 2011 at Weston Town Hall.
Carl Bernstein	13	Commissioners present: Eric Albert (Chairman), Marc Butlein, Jed
Commissioner	14	Ferdinand, Bob Uzenoff and Carl Bernstein. Commissioners absent: Brian
Committees: Fields, Parks	15	Collins and David Juneau. Public present: Gayle Weinstein.
M D (1)	16	1) Call to order: Mr. Albert called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.
Marc Butlein Commissioner		
Committee:	17	2) Approval of Minutes. Minutes of the November 14, 2011 meeting were
Programs	18	approved subject to minor modifications. For: Albert, Butlein,
	19	Ferdinand, Bernstein. Mr. Uzenoff abstained due to his absence from
Brian Collins	20	the November 14, 2011 meeting. Against: None. Motion carried 4-0.
Commissioner Committee:	21	3) Public Forum.
Jed Ferdinand	22	a) First Selectman, Gayle Weinstein, appeared to give the
Secretary	23	Commission an update on the status of the Revson Field
Committee:	24	renovations. The First Selectman believes that the plan for Revson
Aquatics	25	Field was a good one that, unfortunately, has been poorly executed.
David Juneau Commissioner Committee: Fields	26	The project started two weeks late and further delays were caused
	27	by periods of wet weather in the fall. The field is so compacted that
	28	it does not drain well, so after a heavy rainfall work could not be
	29	performed on the site for days. When it became evident that the
	30	project was falling behind and progress was not being made, the
	31	Town Engineer and Selectmen stepped in to assume more direct

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oversight on the project. The consensus now is to shut down the project for the winter and cease further work on the Varsity field. If they continue working, there is a danger that the situation could worsen at the Varsity field. It is expected that the JV field will be completed prior to winter and will be ready for spring. The contractor hopes to lay down the sod in the next week. Unfortunately the Varsity field will not be completed which will complicate scheduling for the teams that use the field. The First Selectman has been in contact with the baseball organizations to alert them to the current state of the project and the outlook for spring. The Town has paid the contractor only a portion of the amount due for the work performed. The First Selectman was informed that a possible reason for the contractor's poor performance was that it was busy with two other larger projects during the same time period. The Town considered all of its options, including terminating the contractor and hiring a new company to finish the project. Two bids from other companies came in significantly higher than the current contractor. After considering all possible options, the Selectmen decided to require the current contractor to complete the project.

4) Unfinished Business

- a) Middle School Pool Issues Report: Commissioner Albert reviewed the history of the problems at the pool that were first reported to the Commission during the summer of 2011. Mr. Ungar provided a checklist of action items dated December 8, 2011 (copy attached hereto). Mr. Ungar reviewed the pool report. Some progress has been made but problems remain. New locks are set to be installed for the entire facility in August. Air quality continues to be an issue. First Selectman Weinstein reported that the 2012 Capital Budget will have a study for drainage and water flow. Ultimately the goal would be to replace the chlorine system with a UV light system which is not as noxious. Also looking to fix the heating system if possible. They have an estimate to replace the locker rooms for \$1.5 million, which is considered too costly for the present time. Instead, they will look to make minor modifications and improvements where possible. There is a request in to work on air, water and drainage. It is a two-year project – 2012 will entail study and the work will be completed in 2013.
- b) Insurance for Sponsored Programs: The consensus of the Commission is that every sponsored program must have the participants sign a form with a hold harmless/release and indemnity provision to protect the Town to the fullest extent possible. After considering all options over the past few months, the Commission believes that this is the optimal approach to balance the interests of protecting the Town, while still making sure that sponsored

77 78	programs have the opportunity to use Town sports and recreation facilities.
79 5)	Report of standing committees and resulting motions:
80	a) Administrative Committee: None.
81	b) Aquatics Committee: See, Section 4(a), above.
82	c) Fields Committee: None.
83	d) Programs Committee: None.
84	e) Parks Committee: None.
85 6)	New Business
86 87 88 89 90 91 92 93	a) 2012-2013 P&R Operating and Capital Budgets: Mr. Ungar presented the draft Operating Budget requests for 2012 (copies are attached). He reported that reductions from 2011 include \$5,000 for pool painting and reduced gas bills. The increases over 2011 include cost of living. Overall the budget is down 2.5% from 2011 A discussion ensued for each separate line item of the Operating Budget:
94 95 96 97	i) Motion to approve Operating Budget for Administration as stated in Mr. Ungar's draft (Butlein motion/ Bernstein second). Motion to approve passed 5-0.
98 99 100 101	ii) Motion to approve Operating Budget for Grounds as stated in Mr. Ungar's draft (Butlein motion/ Bernstein second). Motion to approve passed 5-0.
102 103 104 105	iii) Motion to approve Operating Budget for Pool as stated in Mr. <u>Ungar's draft (Butlein motion/ Bernstein second)</u> . Motion to approve passed 5-0.
106 107	Mr. Ungar then presented the draft Capital Budget for 2012-2013 and a discussion ensued. The issue of replacing the turf field will
108 109 110 111 112	require attention in the future. There is currently a 10-year warranty on the turf fields. Mr. Butlein recommends seeking an expert's guidance on how long the turf fields will last. Mr. Ungar indicated he would pass along the suggestion to the Board of Education.
113 114 115	A further discussion ensued about the line items requesting money for a new tractor and a truck. The consensus of the Commission was to switch the order of numbers three and four and to keep the requested amount of \$25,000 for a new tractor.

117 118 119	i) Motion to approve Capital Budget as stated in Mr. Ungar's draft, as amended (Bernstein motion/ Albert second). Motion to approve passed 5-0.		
120 121 122 123	b) Enterprise Fund: Mr. Ungar presented a spreadsheet listing the Enterprise Fund accounts. The Commission decided to table further discussion of this topic until the January meeting.		
124 125	c) Election of Officers: Mr. Bernstein proposed that we re-elect the current slate of officers.		
126 127 128	 i) Motion to elect Eric Albert as Chairman of the Commission for the next term (Bernstein motion/ Butlein second). Motion approved 5-0. 		
129 130 131	ii) Motion to elect Robert Uzenoff as Vice Chairman of the Commission for the next term (Bernstein motion/ Butlein second). Motion approved 5-0.		
132 133	d) Meeting Dates for 2012: The Commission approved the following meeting dates and times for 2012:		
134	January 9, 2012: 7:30 p.m.		
135	February 13, 2012: 7:45 p.m.		
136	March 12, 2012: 7:45 p.m.		
137	April 9, 2012: 7:45 p.m.		
138	May 14, 2012: 7:45 p.m.		
139	June 11, 2012: 7:45 p.m.		
140	July 9, 2012: 7:45 p.m.		
141	August 13, 2012: 7:45 p.m.		
142	September 10, 2012: 7:45 p.m.		
143	October 15, 2012: 7:45 p.m.		
144	November 19, 2012: 7:45 p.m.		
145	December 10, 2012: 7:45 p.m.		
146	January 14, 2013: 7:45 p.m.		
147	7) Correspondence: None		
148	8) Announcements: None		
149 150	9) Adjournment: <u>The Commission adjourned at 10:05 p.m., Butlein/Bernstein motion and second.</u> All in favor 5-0.		
151	Respectfully Submitted,		
152	Jed Ferdinand, Secretary		